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OR90-370

Dear Mr. Courter:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 10170.

The Texas Department of Public Safety received an open records request for, inter alia, "available portions of internal investigations where by any misconduct was alleged" against a named highway patrolman. You express concern that the information contained in internal investigation files may implicate the false light privacy interests of the officer under investigation. Previous determinations of this office, Open Records Decision Nos. 400 and 372 (1983), copies of which are enclosed, resolve your request. For this reason, you must release the requested internal investigation file in its entirety.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-370.

Yours very truly,

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Opinion Committee

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Enclosures: Open Records Decision Nos. 400 & 372

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